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ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

The case against Li Fuk of alleged conspiracy in connection with a mortgage was continued before Mr Justice Gompertz and a jury at the Supreme Court to-day. Mr Slade in opening the case for the defence asked to direct the jury to acquit the prisoner. His Lordship over-ruled the point. Mr Slade, continuing, said that prisoner was a well-to-do young man and had property on his own account. His name was not Li Fuk and he had never called himself by the name. He had taken a conspicuous part in the life of the town and had been on the committee of the bazaar in connection with the West River relief fund. There had never been any attempt on the part of prisoner to conceal himself. His witnesses were far more decent people than the crowd of coolies who had been brought to swear away the liberty of prisoner. Prisoner then gave evidence and the case was adjourned.

Another big haul of opium has been made in Manila, the Secret Service seizing seven hundred and ninety tins, valued at pesos 42,750, after they had been successfully smuggled ashore.

The Banque de l'Indo-Chine has decided to increase its capital by Fr. 12,000,000, owing to the extension of their business in the Far East. The whole capital of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine is now Fr. 48,000,000.

The Russian Volunteer Fleet ordered four new steamers from Germany last year for service in the Far East. One of the vessels, named the Poltava, was completed last autumn, and opened its service between Vladivostok and Shanghai on the 31st instant. She is also to call at Nagasaki.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, December 29.

One of the Christmas stories started by a
morning paper originated in the fertile
brain of a visiting Australian journalist.
It was the effect that the famine of London
had reached the millions of China and a
stream of immigration was setting in
towards these shores that would soon give
us a Chinatown equal to San Francisco,
Vancouver, Sydney or New York. Chinese
seamen were depicted as ousting the
British and when they returned to their
native land these sailors were said to be
advising their countrymen to start post-haste for London to compete
with London tradesmen and gardeners.
As a matter of fact, the Chinese, the
Chinese centre in London, shows no sign
of such an invasion. Moreover I remember
the scare that was raised some year or
so ago when three Chinese started a
laundry in the East End. Immediately
certain evening papers drew a picture of
the imminent opening of Chinese laundries
all in the West End, to the utter ruin of
the home destroyers of our linen. But
that was all a dream—and I fancy this
scare is also.

The training squadron of the Navy has
been getting unfortunate notoriety of late.
There was the alleged mutiny on the
Laviathan, for which eight men have been
sentenced to two years imprisonment, and
now there is the collision between the
Donegal and the Hall liner Malaga at the
entrance to Gibraltar Harbour. This has
prevented the Donegal from leaving with
the three other armoured cruisers for
Christmas leave, but she is expected to get
away after repairs this week. She has been
rather an unlucky ship. Nearly four years
ago, when on her way to the East to join the
China squadron, she grounded so badly in
the Red Sea that she had to be recalled and
another armoured cruiser, the Monmouth,
was sent Eastward in her place. The
misadventure and subsequent court-martial broke
the career of the Donegal's captain, who
voluntarily retired a few months after.

The demise of King Leopold has raked
up all sorts of scandals concerning his re-
lations with the daughter of a countess
whom he made the Baroness de Vaughan.
He is reported to have made a million ster-
ling out of the Congo and to have settled
most of it on her. His two children by
this irregular union he was about to have
educated in England when he died. In
spite of the fact that his hardest critics
were in England he preisted a good deal of
money here.

His boast was that he knew as much
about finance as most people and more
than any monarch in Europe, but it will be
recalled that he was beaten at his own
game by the Chinese when he tried to get
a commanding interest in the building of
Chinese railways. How he was ousted
from the control of the Hankow-Canton
line remains to be told, but the Chinese
managed it in a way that roused the ad-
miration—even if accompanied by the
anger of the "Red Rubber" monarch.

The belief is expressed in official
and financial quarters here that the Russian
Government may shortly consent to lease
the working of some three thousand miles of
railway in the Caucasus and Central Asia
to British syndicates. Negotiations to that
end have been in progress, I am reliably
told, for two months or more and it is
understood on both sides that such an
arrangement would not only greatly assist
the development of the mineral lands in
the territory traversed by the railway but
would also help the introduction of much
needed capital.

For Russia badly needs money and is
sending several deputations of financiers to
try and arrange local and national loans.
It is likely to be a difficult business but to
aid the movement the Russian government
is doing its utmost to give the impression
that there are now no more cruelties in
Russia and the convict settlements in
Siberia are quite pleasant places to live in.
As a matter of fact, the maintenance of
political prisoners is as great as ever—hence
the assassination of the chief of police in
St. Petersburg the other day. I had a
chat with Madame Vera Figner the other
day. "She has done twenty years" in
various fortresses and settlements and the
story she told me would turn cold the
blood of even a phlegmatic list-
ener. "She" assures me the horrors of
the Russian administration just now
are unparelleled. In support of her
statement there is the approaching trial
of Madame Katharine Brashkovsky and
Nicholas Tshakovsky for high treason.
Though the former is sixty-eight years of
age and her crime was to devote her life to
bettering the condition of the peasant
people, she is still regarded as "a danger
to the Russian Empire." As to Tshakovsky
the evidence against him concerns dates
when he was not in Russia at all but in
England and America. This evidence has
been concocted by such police officers as
the man who met his death the other day
at the hands of a revolutionary who had
excellent reasons for taking him. Madame
Figner herself would be prison, because she

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THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-

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the OFFICES of the COMPANY, St.

George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road,

at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a

Statement of Accounts and the Report of

the General Managers for the year ending

31st December, 1909; declaring a Dividend

and electing a Consulting Committee and

Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from 10th

January to the 31st January, and the

5th February, 1910; both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY

HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF

SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will

be held at the Office of the Company,

Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 26th

FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the

purpose of receiving a Report of Directors,

declaring a Dividend, confirming the

appointment of a Director and electing

Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from the 22nd

January to the 8th February, both days

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By Order of the Board of Directors

W. F. OLIVER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 17, 1910. 85

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

11 a.m.-Election of 3 J. A. P. at
Land Office, Supreme Court Building.

Meetings.

4 p.m.-Meeting of Licensing Board at
Magistrate.

5.15 p.m.-Y.M.C.A. Annual Meeting.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25:-

11 a.m.-Auction of Office Furniture
at 8, Des Vaux Road Central.

Prize Distribution of Diocesan Boys
School by H.E. the Governor.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28:-

9 p.m.-Volunteer Dance.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29:-

Noon-Prize Distribution by H.E. the
Governor, at St. Xavier's School.

9 p.m.-Boxing at City Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31:-

4 p.m.-Meeting of Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce at City Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:-

5.30 p.m.-Organ Recital in St. John's
Cathedral.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5:-

11.30 a.m.-Meeting of China President
Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., at Co's
Office.

Cathedral Annual Choir Concert.

9 p.m.-Smoking Concert at Phoenix
Club.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8:-

Noon-Meeting of Hongkong, Canton &
Wanchai Steamboat Co., Ltd. at Co's
Office.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14:-

Ring Alfred Ball.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1910.

HONGKONG SCHOOL FEES.

A certain amount of misapprehension seems to be prevalent in the Colony regarding the Government's motives in raising the school-fees payable at the grant-in-aid schools. Anyone who has followed the career of our present Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, with any intelligent interest at all must be aware of the fact that from the moment of landing in the Colony he has paid particular attention to the question of education. His active interest in the subject has never lagged, nor has he been wanting in the matter of shrewd advice and practical suggestion when he thought it necessary, as his speeches at recent prize-givings fully demonstrate. To make the charge therefore that the Government in raising the school fees have deliberately closed the door of education to the Chinese residents of the Colony betrays either serious lack of knowledge of the real facts of the case or wilful closing of the eyes to the actual condition of affairs. The fact is, a very peculiar state of things has developed during the last two or three years. There has been such a rush of scholars to the schools where English forms part of the curriculum that some of these institutions have doubled—in some instances almost trebled—their attendances. This great increase in the number of scholars, however, has not been followed by a proportionate increase in the teaching staffs, and the result is a condition of congestion that is viewed by the authorities with grave apprehension. Overgrown classes—we hear of one school where one hundred children are grouped together under one master—can not conduce to efficient teaching. No teacher can devote that individual care

and attention to any pupil which is so urgently required, even in the lower classes if education is to mean anything at all, when such a number of children are banded together. The ideal class is one of 35, and it is with the hope of establishing some such standard in Hongkong schools that the Government has been moved, after very careful deliberation, to take the step now made. The raising of the school fees will, in the first place, provide more revenue for the schools, which will then be able to increase their teaching staffs and thus secure that proper return to every child attending which every parent or guardian may reasonably expect. Secondly, the effect will be seen in the class of children attending. For one feature of Hongkong school life is that in most of the schools the proportion of scholars in the lower classes is immensely overwhelming compared with the number that proceed to the higher standards. Many of the scholars attend the schools just long enough to get a slight smattering of English, showing that they had no intention of proceeding far along the educational path, and this suggests the thought that a remedy for the present congestion might be found in devising some scheme whereby the vernacular schools, at present being starved of pupils, could, by receiving some Government aid, add an English section and thus draw off some of the children now overcrowding the grant-in-aid schools. The vernacular schools, with English added, would afford the class of education these children require even better than the grant-in-aid schools, which aim at imparting what is known as a secondary education. And as secondary institutions the grant-in-aid schools when properly staffed should really act as feeders for Queen's College and later on the University, to render our educational ladder complete. The aim then of the Government is not to close the door of education on any child in the Colony, but to set up a system of education which may be of real value to the children who seek it. By providing more revenue for the schools, thus enabling them to increase their teaching staffs; by reducing the congestion and so allowing each child to receive the full benefit of the teacher's supervision, methods and ability, the Government hopes to make education a real thing in our midst, not a make-believe.

It is distinctly one of the signs of the times that there should be this great desire on the part of Chinese residents to secure an English education for their children, and it is a desire that should be met as far as possible, for it will undoubtedly have retro-active effects upon the prosperity of Hongkong in the years to come. But the whole subject must be approached from a reasonable standpoint and the difficulties with which it bristles fairly acknowledged and truthfully pointed out. We understand two petitions from Chinese residents regarding this matter are now engaging the attention of His Excellency and we have no doubt that the replies which he will make to them, when they are given to the public, will fully expose the true situation and disabuse the minds of reasonable men that the step now taken has been devised ill-advisedly or partially but is for the benefit of the very classes who at present view it with misgiving.

The Right Rev. the Bishop of Victoria will preside at the distribution of prizes and certificates in St. Stephen's College to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon.

Retrenchments are being effected in the Straits Settlements Civil Service salaries. The Secretary of State has announced the following amendments:—In the following salaries to receive a salary of £900, rising to £780 by annual increments of £15, instead of £800 as heretofore. District Officers of the Dindings who formerly drew £684 will now be started on £480 and rise by triennial increments of £30 to £480.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.

The ninth ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., was held at the Office of the Company to-day.

The Hon Mr. W. J. Gresson presided and there were also present—Sir Paul Chater and C. S. Gubbay (directors), Messrs H. P. Smith, J. H. Soth, A. Shilton Hooper, J. H. Moyle, E. L. Hughes, A. E. Ager, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Lo Cheung Shiu, with Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote (secretary). The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and accounts, which have been in your hands for some days, I propose with your permission to take as read. The accounts are of so simple a nature as to call for no special comment from me. During the year we have disposed of our two inland lots at Kowloon Point at a price which gave us a net profit on the sale of just over \$170,000 which you will no doubt deem satisfactory. The decrease in rents as compared with last account, is due to the fact that we have been obliged to give up a portion of Kowloon Point, No. 75. Our lease property at Yamatani continues to be well occupied and is in good repair. Before formally moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any question you may wish to put.

No questions were asked, and the report and accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ho Fook.

Messrs C. S. Gubbay and Ho Kom Tong were re-elected directors, on the motion of Mr. Soth, seconded by Mr. Lo Cheung Shiu. Mr. Ho Kom Tong moved, and Mr. E. L. Hughes seconded that Messrs W. H. Potts and A. O'D. Gourdin be re-appointed auditors—Carried.

The Chairman said:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning. Thank you for your attendance.

The West Point Building Co., Limited.

The twenty-second ordinary meeting of shareholders of the West Point Building Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, to-day.

Sir Paul Chater presided, and there were also present—Hon Mr. W. J. Gresson, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mr. C. S. Gubbay (directors), Messrs E. W. Moyle, J. M. E. Machado, F. Mainland, C. E. Anton, Mowbray S. Northcote, and A. Shilton Hooper (secretary). The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission we will take the report and accounts as read. As the lease of the whole property will continue the year, the accounts will be the same as last year. At our last general meeting I informed you that on account of the severe damage caused by the typhoon of 1908, the repairs thereto necessitated not having been completed it was advisable to carry forward a somewhat larger balance to meet the expenditure, and you will observe from the accounts that we have expended \$5,586.70 during the year as against \$2,420.54 in 1908 for repairs. Notwithstanding this, another typhoon having occurred during the year, and the repairs thereto not having been completed, the net returns as given in the accounts now presented to you still show a reduction which necessitates a slightly reduced dividend being paid, and to allow us to carry forward about the same amount as was brought forward last year. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be pleased to answer any questions the shareholders may put.

There being no questions the Chairman proposed and Mr. Anton seconded that the report and accounts be adopted as read.

The Chairman said:—That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow morning.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited.

The twenty-second ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., was held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, to-day.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, Messrs H. P. Smith, H. A. Stiles, C. S. Gubbay, E. Shilton, and W. J. Bandow (directors), A. Shilton Hooper (secretary), Mr. S. Northcote, J. M. E. Machado, T. I. Ross, T. F. Hough, J. F. V. Vernon, E. P. Smith, A. H. Ough and A. Bryer.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your approval I propose to take the report and accounts as read. The balance sheet for the past year shows a substantial reduction in the amount advanced on mortgages, which now stands at \$592,350 as against \$945,960 for 1909. No fresh mortgages being taken whilst several have been paid off, this naturally has reduced our "Accounts payable," the receipts being applied to the reduction of our overdraft. With regard to the properties we own their book value shows an increase of \$14,632.27, being the part cost of the development of the Van-chai Godowns and slight further development of another property, and taking into account one sale of property which has taken place on 10th June 1909, the balance of our interest account is likewise practically the same, and calls for no particular comment. There has been a considerable reduction in expenditure on repairs to property compared with that of 1908, in which year we were called upon to expend a larger amount than the normal sum of account of the year. As to the other part of the year's business, I have to call attention to a special reserve fund which we consider it prudent to start to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may be necessary to the property, caused by the typhoon of 1908. The fund is now formed, is evident, for it is authorized by your Articles of Association. Speaking generally it is felt that the year under review has shown that the property market in Hongkong has had a very healthy improvement, about probably in some measure to the less harassing adminis-

tration of the sanitary and building laws which had destroyed the confidence of land investors; and to the comparative improvement in the number of cases of plague. If any shareholder desires any further information, I shall be pleased to afford it.

No questions being asked, the Chairman moved and Mr. Ho Fook seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were accordingly passed.

The appointment of Mr. J. W. Bandow as director in place of Mr. G. F. Frieland (resigned) was confirmed on the motion of Mr. P. S. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ross.

Messrs E. Shilton and C. S. Gubbay were re-elected directors, on the proposition of Mr. Machado, seconded by Mr. Ough.

Mr. Bryer moved and Mr. Vernon seconded that Messrs J. C. Edwards and H. P. Smith be re-appointed auditors—Carried.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT ELLIS KADOORIE COLLEGE.

The annual prize distribution in connection with the Ellis Kadoorie Chinese Schools Society was held to-day when Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education, presided over a large attendance. Amongst those present were Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. Lee Chy Pak, Mr. W. Draw Braidwood, Rev. C. H. Hickling, Miss S. R. Scott and Miss E. M. Reed, of London, Dr. Sibree, Mr. R. C. Barlow, Mrs. Braidwood, Mrs. Bryson, and Mr. Ho Kom Tong.

Mr. W. Braidwood, head master, presented the annual report and said:—Mr. Irving, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen.—It is with pleasure I present the ninth annual report of the Society's Hongkong College. Each successive report since the College was first opened in 1901 has marked a progressive movement, in some respect, and this is no exception to its predecessors. So far as November 1909 is arranged that for purposes of grant-in-aid the College year should terminate on 31st December.

This arrangement is now in force and in future the College reports will embrace the period from January to December instead of from midsummer to midsummer as formerly. This report therefore deals with the latter half of 1909. Advantage has been taken of this change to make alterations in the curriculum. The standard in all the forms has been considerably raised, the object aimed at being to bring the three highest forms respectively up to the status of the Oxford senior, junior and preliminary examinations. It is hoped that this movement will assist the College to contribute its quota of candidates to the first entrance examination of the Hongkong University, which examination we are informed will be held about September next year.

The attendance for the two terms under review has been highly satisfactory the average being 618 over the whole period. Punctuality and regularity have been most marked, over 27 per cent of the students having made full attendance. In the teaching staff there has been a number of changes. Mr. G. B. Hoeking replaced Mr. Nicholson, whose connection with the College ceased on 14th June; the former was succeeded by Mr. C. J. Higgins, both whose places he took in Honan College on 1st Sept. Mr. D. Campbell, formerly of the Hong Kong School, commenced duty on 1st inst. Mr. Hamilton, who was absent on six months' leave returned to the colony on 2nd November, and resumed duty the following day.

At present the staff consists of six English masters, including the Headmaster, eight Anglo-Chinese assistants, and seven vernacular teachers. Under the present arrangement there are on an average 330 students on the English side and 275 on the Vernacular side studying simultaneously, a measure which provides an adequate supply of pupils for each teacher. If however Secondary Work is to be carried on successfully more time will require to be devoted to English in the middle forms and I recommend the augmentation of the staff by another English Master. The difficulty of finding qualified Anglo-Chinese Assistants is still great, but the order of 15th July making it compulsory for all Anglo-Chinese Assistants and Pupil Teachers to attend a Normal class should tend to increase the usefulness of this class of teachers.

In the report for last year reference was made to the necessity for additional accommodation and the hope was expressed that the much-needed extension would be accomplished during the year that has just closed. That hope has not been fulfilled but I am pleased to be able to report that new and improved plans have been prepared, the contract for building signed and the work actually commenced. The building which is designed to occupy the eastern portion of the present site will provide a covered playing ground and six additional classrooms of modern design and will be in many respects similar to the wing in which we are now situated. The extension of the building, consisting of two wings without a body will hasten to fill the hiatus and so complete the edifice in a manner worthy of the great community in whose interests it was inaugurated and for the benefit of whose sons the work within its walls is carried on.

The College team which entered for the Hygiene competition was successful in capturing the shield for 1909. The results of the Competition for the present year have not yet been announced. Additional apparatus for the teaching of Science has recently been ordered and this subject will in future form an important part of the College Curriculum. In March, 1909, Mr. Thomas formed a Class for the study of Mental Hygiene. The attendance at this class, which was conducted after the regular class hours, was entirely voluntary. The progress made by the students during their short period of instruction will be exemplified by the specimens of the work on exhibition.

The restricted area of our playground prevents our students from enjoying that amount of physical exercise necessary to youth. Football has been played throughout the season with an ever-growing interest and enthusiasm and during summer the students gladly avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the College swimming pool and bathing club. A proposal of this school would call attention to these in authority to the fact that while the utility of the educational establishments are allowed in the west end of the colony, the only public playing field of any size—viz., Happy Valley—is situated in the extreme east.

When the playing fields are being laid out for the students of the New University this fact might be borne in mind and some provision made for the students of West end Colleges.

The College Library continues to be a source of pleasure and profit to the students and this interest has been maintained by the addition of a number of new and attractive books. The Head Master's examination, on the results of which the Scholarships and prizes are awarded to-day, commenced on the 4th inst. and was completed on the 18th.

For the information of the Council there is attached to this Report a tabulated list of the results. The great mass of figures contained would be of little interest to my present hearers, but briefly stated the returns were as follows:—507 boys were present at examination. Of these 338 were successful and 59 failed. This is equal to a pass of 90 per cent. In the various subjects the percentage of passes

Reading, 97; Dictation, 84; Arithmetic, 76; Writing, 100; Eng. Composition, 78; History, 92; Eng. Colloquial, 94; Translation, (E to C), 83; Geography, 73; Translation, (C to E), 88; Grammar, 85; Geometry, (Practical), 86; Euclid, 86; Mensuration, 88; Algebra, 84; Mapping, 77; Science, 86; Hygiene, 87.

Our thanks are tendered to the donors of the Blake and Ho Kom Tong scholarships. The benefit derived from the healthy rivalry excited by these scholarships can be adequately estimated and I am particularly grateful to the donors on this occasion, to intimate an addition to their number. Mr. Fred J. Halton, Agent of the Pacific & S. Company, who in a business capacity frequently comes in contact with our students and has an intimate and appreciative knowledge of the work done in this College, has offered a scholarship of the annual value of fifty dollars. Mr. Halton's generous offer has been gratefully accepted by the College Council. The scholarship which will be awarded for Merit in the Senior Division will be known as "The Halton Scholarship."

Mr. E. A. Irving, who was received with applause, expressed the pleasure it gave him to listen to the very interesting report and he was pleased to note that the extension work had already begun and he hoped that it would be completed before the end of the current year. He was delighted with the branch work, in which he was specially interested. He noted too, the changes which were proposed to be made to fit in with the Oxford Local examination. Dealing with the effect of education that could be gained by assiduity and high moral the speaker said that he was thoroughly in the university which was shortly to be built, but perhaps not so soon as Mr. Braidwood anticipated. It would give degrees of a similar standard as an English university. That was the intention of the founders and he thought that it followed that the necessary education for the university entrance examination would sooner or later be required to be up to the standard of that in connection with the English universities. How did they compare at present? He asked an examination? Not speaking of that school alone but of every school in the Colony so far they had very excellent results as regards the Oxford examinations but they must remember that at the last examination in Hongkong only two boys reached such a standard of excellence as to exceed them from Responses. The speaker then referred to cramming which he said ought to be discouraged. In connection with Mr. Irving's remarks for the great honour they had done him in asking him to preside and wished the staff and the students a very happy holiday.

FAIRY LIST.

Blake Scholarship, \$50, Wong Wai Hong.

Halton Scholarship, \$50, Lam Ming Shan.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship, Senior, \$35, Xuk Shik Chung.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship, Junior, \$25, Chan Chiu Tang.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.—Class I, 1st, Tsang Tai Lu, 2nd, Ho Yu Chi; Class II, 1st, Lan Chio Lung, 2nd, Tso Yu Woon; Class III, 1st, Wan Chik Ming, 2nd, Wai Kwong; Class IV, 1st, Wong Chan Lok, 2nd, Fun Wai Kun; Class V, 1st, Lu Yam Chuen, 2nd, Lam Ting Lu; Class VI, 1st, Chan Ling Shun, 2nd, Lai Sui Kwai; Class VII, 1st, Chan Ping Swan, 2nd, Chan Chan Nyok; Class VIII, 1st, Hung Chik Kan, 2nd, Chan Kam Cheung; Class IX, 1st, Cheng Kun Man, 2nd, Fung Ying Wai.

Class X, B. Chan Yuen Sang, W. Ho; Class XI, A. Chan Chiu Li, Class XII, D. So Chit, 1st, Chan Shin Wai, 2nd, Leung San; Class III, 1st, Si To Lim, 2nd, Yau Ting; Class IV, 1st, Li King Wai, 2nd, Li Kan Chiu; Class V, 1st, Pun Shui Kong, 2nd, Fung Hing Chan; Class VI, 1st, Si Shing Kir, 2nd, Chow Yan Chung; Class VII, 1st, Wong Yan, 2nd, Chan Hung Kam.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Dux Boy, Wong Wai Hong; Hygiene, Advanced, Tsang Yu; Hygiene, Elementary, Kwok Shin Chiu; Mapping, Chung Lam Kwan, Gold Medal; Mapping, Lai Hing On, Brush Work, Leung San, Gold Pen, Colloquial, Kwok Shiu Yan; Football, Tsang Shum Ho; Translation, Cheung Tuen Kwan; Attendance, Wai Hong, Sam Ming Shan, Wong Chan Yel, Chan Chiu Tung, Chan Ping Kwan, Hong Chik Kan.

Twenty factory girls were burned to death in Philadelphia on January 20.

The P. M. steamer Korea sails from Yokohama to-day. This steamer will sail from Shanghai to Manila direct in order to carry passengers who desire to visit the Manila Carnival, and will arrive at Hongkong about February 10th. The Korea will be dispatched from this port for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on the evening of February 11th after the races.

The thieving nuisance is becoming more and more prevalent in the district of Kowloon. From two houses in Gerrard Road within the past fortnight the following articles have been stolen from the entrance halls:—Three umbrellas, two parasols, two pairs of gloves, a sash, a belt and an overcoat. It is nothing short of disgraceful that this thoroughfare should be so seldom patrolled by the police.

Monday night was certainly very raw and chill, but we decline to believe a Kowloon ferry, that took patterns were seen on the roads by early dawn. At the Peak the thermometer certainly fell to nearly freezing point. To-day the cold continues, but the bright sunshine renders the air sparkling and invigorating to an eminent degree.

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When the playing fields are being laid out for the students of the New University this fact might be borne in mind and some provision made for the students of West end Colleges.

The College Library continues to be a source of pleasure and profit to the students and this interest has been maintained by the addition of a number of new and attractive books. The Head Master's examination, on the results of which the Scholarships and prizes are awarded to-day, commenced on the 4th inst. and was completed on the 18th.

For the information of the Council there is attached to this Report a tabulated list of the results. The great mass of figures contained would be of little interest to my present hearers, but briefly stated the returns were as follows:—507 boys were present at examination. Of these 338 were successful and 59 failed. This is equal to a pass of 90 per cent. In the various subjects the percentage of passes

Reading, 97; Dictation, 84; Arithmetic, 76; Writing, 100; Eng. Composition, 78; History, 92; Eng. Colloquial, 94; Translation, (E to C), 83; Geography, 73; Translation, (C to E), 88; Grammar, 85; Geometry, (Practical), 86; Euclid, 86; Mensuration, 88; Algebra, 84; Mapping, 77; Science, 86; Hygiene, 87.

Our thanks are tendered to the donors of the Blake and Ho Kom Tong scholarships. The benefit derived from the healthy rivalry excited by these scholarships can be adequately estimated and I am particularly grateful to the donors on this occasion, to intimate an addition to their number. Mr. Fred J. Halton, Agent of the Pacific & S. Company, who in a business capacity frequently comes in contact with our students and has an intimate and appreciative knowledge of the work done in this College, has offered a scholarship of the annual value of fifty dollars. Mr. Halton's generous offer has been gratefully accepted by the College Council. The scholarship which will be awarded for Merit in the Senior Division will be known as "The Halton Scholarship."

Mr. E. A. Irving, who was received with applause, expressed the pleasure it gave him to listen to the very interesting report and he was pleased to note that the extension work had already begun and he hoped that it would be completed before the end of the current year. He was delighted with the branch work, in which he was specially interested. He noted too, the changes which were proposed to be made to fit in with the Oxford Local examination. Dealing with the effect of education that could be gained by assiduity and high moral the speaker said that he was thoroughly in the university which was shortly to be built, but perhaps not so soon as Mr. Braidwood anticipated. It would give degrees of a similar standard as an English university. That was the intention of the founders and he thought that it followed that the necessary education for the university entrance examination would sooner or later be required to be up to the standard of that in connection with the English universities. How did they compare at present? He asked an examination? Not speaking of that school alone but of every school in the Colony so far they had very excellent results as regards the Oxford examinations but they must remember that at the last examination in Hongkong only two boys reached such a standard of excellence as to exceed them from Responses. The speaker then referred to cramming which he said ought to be discouraged. In connection with Mr. Irving's remarks for the great honour they had done him in asking him to preside and wished the staff and the students a very happy holiday.

FAIRY LIST.

Blake Scholarship, \$50, Wong Wai Hong.

Halton Scholarship, \$50, Lam Ming Shan.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship, Senior, \$35, Xuk Shik Chung.

Ho Kom Tong Scholarship, Junior, \$25, Chan Chiu Tang.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.—Class I, 1st, Tsang Tai Lu, 2nd, Ho Yu Chi; Class II, 1st, Lan Chio Lung, 2nd, Tso Yu Woon; Class III, 1st, Wan Chik Ming, 2nd, Wai Kwong; Class IV, 1st, Wong Chan Lok, 2nd, Fun Wai Kun; Class V, 1st, Lu Yam Chuen, 2nd, Lam Ting Lu; Class VI, 1st, Chan Ling Shun, 2nd, Lai Sui Kwai; Class VII, 1st, Chan Ping Swan, 2nd, Chan Chan Nyok; Class VIII, 1st, Hung Chik Kan, 2nd, Chan Kam Cheung; Class IX, 1st, Cheng Kun Man, 2nd, Fung Ying Wai.

Class X, B. Chan Yuen Sang, W. Ho; Class XI, A. Chan Chiu Li, Class XII, D. So Chit, 1st, Chan Shin Wai, 2nd, Leung San; Class III, 1st, Si To Lim, 2nd, Yau Ting; Class IV, 1st, Li King Wai, 2nd, Li Kan Chiu; Class V, 1st, Pun Shui Kong, 2nd, Fung Hing Chan; Class VI, 1st, Si Shing Kir, 2nd, Chow Yan Chung; Class VII, 1st, Wong Yan, 2nd, Chan Hung Kam.

SPECIAL PRIZES.—Dux Boy, Wong Wai Hong; Hygiene, Advanced, Tsang Yu; Hygiene, Elementary, Kwok Shin Chiu; Mapping, Chung Lam Kwan, Gold Medal; Mapping, Lai Hing On, Brush Work, Leung San, Gold Pen, Colloquial, Kwok Shiu Yan; Football, Tsang Shum Ho; Translation, Cheung Tuen Kwan; Attendance, Wai Hong, Sam Ming Shan, Wong Chan Yel, Chan Chiu Tung, Chan Ping

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

SATURDAY'S POLLINGS.

Liberal Position Improved.

PARLIAMENT CONSISTS OF 670 MEMBERS, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: ENGLAND, 465; IRELAND, 103; SCOTLAND, 73; WALES, 30.

(Reuter's Special Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 24. Each political party is doing its utmost to make the most of the results of the polling to date.

A LIBERAL CONTENTION.

The Liberals declare that the Tories have received a setback, and the taxers of food are in a hopeless plight.

A BLACK DAY.

The Conservatives say that Saturday was the worst day the Government have experienced.

FORECASTING.

The Daily Chronicle (Liberal) forecasts a majority for the Liberals of from 104 to 114, including the Irish Nationalists.

MR REDMOND'S TERMS.

The Unionist papers indulge in much speculation regarding the terms which Mr Redmond (the leader of the Irish Nationalists) will impose.

THE LATEST RETURNS.

LONDON, January 24. The results of Saturday's elections declared to-day were:—

UNIONIST	LIBERAL
S. E. Suffolk.....1	S. Gloucestershire.....1
Ormskirk.....1	Buckrose (Yorks).....1
Wigtownshire.....1	Bodmin.....1
Handsworth.....1	Radcliffe (Lancs).....1
East Down.....1	Sowerby (Yorks).....1
Southport.....1	Shipley (Yorks).....1
	Spenn Valley (Yorks).....1
	Banffshire.....1
	Carnarvon Boro.....1
	Dumfriess Burghs.....1
	Dis.....1
	Torquay.....1
	Flintshire.....1
	Kilninchirch.....1
	Forfarshire.....1
	N. Denbighshire.....1
	W. Carmarthen.....1
	N. Somerset.....1
	Launceston.....1
	Merionethshire.....1
	Romford.....1
	Crews.....1
	29
NATIONALISTS	
S. Galway.....1	
S. Mayo.....1	
W. Donegal.....1	
W. Galway.....1	
N. Galway.....1	
Mid Tipperary.....1	
S. Armagh.....1	
E. Donegal.....1	
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A UNIONIST GAIN.

There was a further gain recorded at South East Suffolk, where the Unionist candidate was successful.

MR LLOYD-GEORGE RE-ELECTED.

The Right Hon. Mr David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was re-elected at Carnarvon District by a majority of 1073.

THE PARTY STRUGGLE.

The position of the parties after Saturday's results is:—

Unionists.....220
Liberals.....200
Nationalists.....68
Labourites.....33
Total Polled.....521
Yet to Poll.....149
Unionist majority over Liberals.....20
Combined vote over Unionists.....81

THE GAINS.

The party gains now read:—

Unionists.....101
Liberals.....14
Labourites.....1

FOLLINGS AT A GLANCE.

Electors.	Unionists.	Lib.	Nat.	Lab.
January 15.....43	37	5	1	0
" 17.....49	40	8	10	0
" 18.....28	16	10	4	0
" 19.....11	25	16	5	0
" 20.....20	13	5	2	0
" 21.....22	18	5	0	0
" 22.....34	23	5	1	0
" 24.....0	22	8	1	0
	220	200	68	33

SPORTING.

The Calendar.

Wednesday, January 26. HOCKEY.—Queen's College v. H.M.S. Bedford, Military Ground, 5 p.m. VOLUNTEERS.—Maxim drill at Headquarters, 4.30 p.m. Engineer Co. West Fort, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 27. VOLUNTEERS.—Maxim drill at Quarry Bay, 5.15 p.m. TENNIS.—Entries close for Mixed Doubles American Tennis Tournament at L.R.C. 6 p.m.

Friday, January 28. ATHLETICS.—Rejuts Annual Sports, U. S. R. Club Ground, Kowloon. SPOONRACE.—Reserves' Prize Meeting. King's Park Range, 2.30 p.m. TENNIS.—Mixed Doubles American Tennis Tournament at L.R.C. 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 29. VOLUNTEERS.—Gun Layers' class, Gun Club Hill, Kowloon, 3 p.m. RACING.—Y.R.C. St. Nicholas Race, 3.30 p.m. BUCKING.—Championships at Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Sunday, January 30. SHOOTING.—Volunteers. King's Park Range, Artillery Cos. 9 a.m. Engineer and Infantry Cos. 2 p.m. YACHTING.—L.R.C. Commodore's Cup. ATHLETICS.—L.R.C. "Go as you please" Race.

Saturday, February 5. TENNIS.—Mixed Doubles American Tennis Tournament at L.R.C. SUNDAY, February 6. YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Fifth Club Race. ATHLETICS.—L.R.C. Walking Competition.

Thursday, February 10. BOXING.—Exhibition at the Stadium. Friday, February 11. LAWYERS.—Competition at Police Recreation Club.

Sunday, February 13. YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Cup Race. Tuesday, February 15. RACING.—First day of Hongkong Races. Wednesday, February 16. RACING.—Second day of Hongkong Races.

Thursday, February 17. RACING.—Third day of Hongkong Races. Saturday, February 19. RACING.—Off day of Hongkong Races. Sunday, February 20. YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Sixth Club Race. Sunday, February 27. YACHTING.—C.Y.C. Cup Race.

YACHTING.

CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB. The points scored by the yachts of the Club to date are as follows:—

Messrs Thornhill and Bond's Ayda	9
A. F. Ramsey's Gales	7
"RAYBURN" RACE CLASS.	
A. A. H. Mitty's Sirius	26
Messrs. Nelson and Menzies's Liza	14
D. G. W. White's Rose	12
J. M. McEwen's Dawn	9
Messrs. Scriver and Hay's Marjorie	7
"GAL" CLASS.	
J. R. Forbes's Dorothy	21
A. H. Lennan's Liza	19
Messrs. Rodger and Witchell's Ash	17
Messrs. Wood and Leck's Totemite	17
Messrs. McEwen and Guy's Gael	8
W. A. Clarke's Totemite	7
W. A. Miller's Spray	1

Shooting.

We are now able to publish the individual scores made on Saturday after noon at the Volunteer shoots for the "Black" Shield Competition and Corps Championship. The number of low scores at the last range is accounted for by the rain and falling light.

No. 2 Co.	200	500	600	TL
Andrew.....	30	25	25	84
Tolan.....	30	25	25	84
Chapman.....	30	25	25	83
Manuk.....	30	25	25	81
Sayer.....	30	25	25	78
Geyer.....	24	25	25	71
Caldwell.....	20	25	25	49
Launceston.....	21	25	25	42

INFANTRY Co.

No. 4 Co.	200	500	600	TL
Stewart.....	30	25	25	84
Manuk.....	30	25	25	84
Wood.....	30	25	25	83
Taylor.....	30	25	25	80
Lapalay.....	28	25	25	78
Hill.....	30	25	25	72
Elliot.....	28	25	25	60
Ferriest.....	20	25	25	51

No. 3 Co.

No. 3 Co.	200	500	600	TL
Bostie.....	30	25	25	84
Ballock.....	29	25	25	79
Riden.....	28	25	25	78
Chapman.....	26	25	25	76
Wright.....	21	25	25	71
Jackman.....	27	25	25	68
Wood.....	23	25	25	64
Armstrong.....	28	19	14	61

No. 1 Co.

No. 1 Co.	200	500	600	TL
May.....	20	25	25	70
Laurie.....	20	25	25	70
Plummer.....	27	24	25	76
Duncan.....	25	28	25	78
Weak.....	30	22	13	64
Leigh.....	29	17	15	59
MacKinnon.....	23	24	14	49
Wickham.....	19	14	11	44

ENGINEER Co.

ENGINEER Co.	200	500	600	TL
Plum.....	30	25	25	80
Newbould.....	30	25	25	71
Raise.....	23	25	25	73
Horne.....	16	25	18	59
Samuels.....	21	20	5	46
Rees.....	23	21	2	46
Wood.....	18	10	14	42
Carroll.....	18	14	6	38

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Those who made over 50 were:—

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arroll.....	18	14	6	39	

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Manila Carnival.

The committee of the Manila Carnival have invited the members of the Hongkong Cricket Club to the Carnival from Feb. 18th to 14th. We understand the Manila Clubs have extended their club privileges to members of all visiting clubs.

"LA MASCOITE."

Meritorious Performance at the Club Lusitano.

The charm of childhood is always delightful but it is doubly so when children display their native and artless graces in public. The children of the members of the Club Lusitano are therefore deserving of the highest commendation for the manner in which they interpreted Auden's masterpiece "La Mascotte," at the Club on Monday evening.

It is some years now since this piece was last seen in Hongkong but it has lost none of its hold on the affection of music-lovers, for everyone who was present at the performance last night came away delighted, and with the piece, the acting and last but not least the children the selves. The little players entered into their work with enthusiasm and mastery that would have done credit to much older persons and won golden opinions everywhere. Miss Elfrida Omond, of "Gelsia" fame, made a captivating Bettina. She was really irresistible and was accorded a tremendous ovation, her singing and dancing being one of the features of the evening. Master Dick D'Almeida Castro simply excelled himself as Laurent XVII, Duke of Piombino, and his perfect enunciation made his words distinctly heard right to the furthest corners of the spacious hall. He is indeed a talent in himself and no less pleasing was his sister, Miss Phyllis D'Almeida, who took the part of Flamminta, daughter of Laurent. As a coquette or a haughty princess she was equally delightful and came in for a large measure of approbation. The part of Prince Fritelli, Crown Prince of Pisa, could not have been in better hands than those of Master Jorge Vas, who distinguished himself both by his acting and singing, he being the possessor of a remarkably sweet voice. Master Rodolpho Baptista, as Pippo, a shepherd, was excellent, particularly in the love scenes when the lovely Duda by himself and Miss Elfrida Omond were most exquisitely rendered. Fernando Remedios was a powerful support as Rocco, a farmer, and indeed it would be invidious to draw distinctions so excellent was each member of the company. The march by the soldiers was simply superb and an encore was demanded. The music girls were also charming, as well as the little page, especially little Miss Mercedes Perrotti. On contemplation of the evening's performance, we were struck by the fact that the children under whose direction the piece was produced, were the smallest detail was superintended by Mr Silva, who taught the children all by himself and the amount of patience and work that had been bestowed on the production of "La Mascotte" was self-evident. His enthusiasm, energy and confidence in the children in the face of difficulties which perhaps would have disheartened a more experienced person in the art of producing plays carried it to the undoubted success it achieved.

The dresses were all that could be desired and in the arrangement thereof Mr Silva had the invaluable assistance of the excellent good taste of Mrs. M. J. Omond. The scenery too, for which Mr. F. A. V. Ribeiro was responsible, was admirable while Mr. C. B. Omond is to be congratulated on his achievement with the soldiers' march. The music was supplied by the orchestra of the Sociedade Philharmonica under the baton of Mr. J. da Costa. The orchestra was composed as follows:—Violins: Messrs. J. M. S. Rosario, J. Baptista, C. M. S. Alves, A. M. S. Rosario, viola, Mr. L. A. V. Ribeiro; oboe, Mr. S. Pina; flute, Mr. J. D. Omond and Mr. F. X. V. Ribeiro; tenor, Mr. S. Pina; E. S. Alves and Mr. M. A. Fernandes; horn, Mr. P. M. Rodrigues and Mr. M. A. Figueiredo; cornet, Mr. I. da Costa; euphonium, Mr. A. F. Omond; baritone, Mr. C. H. Omond; double bass, Mr. P. N. Sousa.

Mr. J. C. do Rosario was the accompanist and throughout the training of the children has presided at the piano with undoubted ability. "La Mascotte" as performed by these talented juveniles under such a capable instruction as Mr. A. E. da Silva and his active head of willing helpers will dwell long and pleasantly in the memory of those who were privileged to be spectators.

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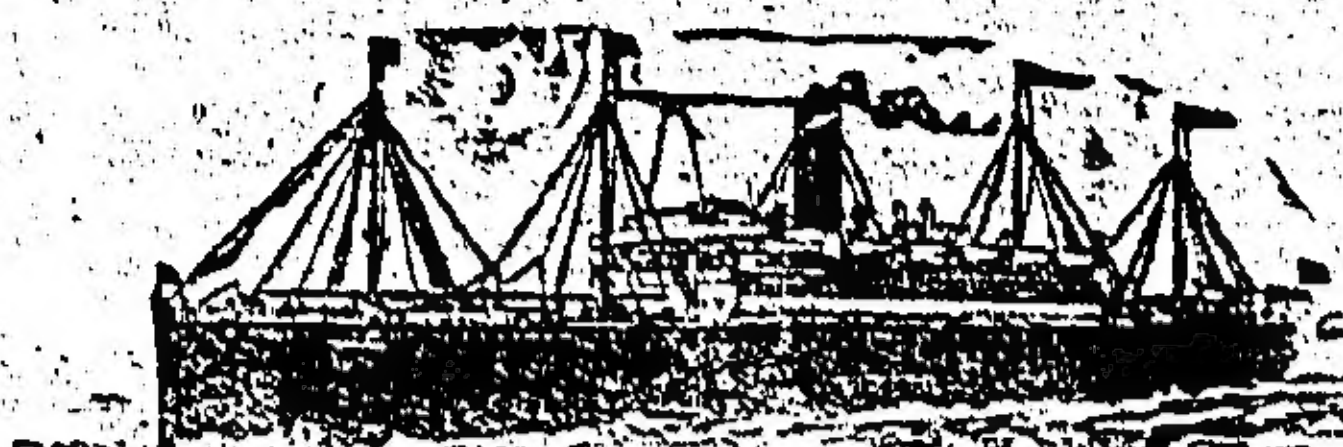
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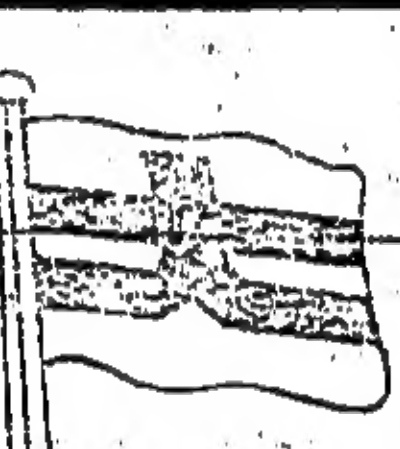
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For	STEAMERS	To SAIL
SHANGHAI, NAOSAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	YOROK, Capt. J. Bandermann.	WEDNESDAY, 26th Jan.

For	STEAMERS	To SAIL
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	COBLEZ, Capt. H. Raegenar.	FRIDAY, 28th Jan., at Daylight

For	STEAMERS	To SAIL
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	PRINZ WALDEMAR, Capt. F. Isaka.	FRIDAY, 28th Feb., at Noon
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AMOI NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

AMOI, January 21.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Great Britain, is not the only quarter of the world which is to pass through the throes of an election. Our annual election of Councilors to serve on the Kungshu Municipal Council draws nigh. The date is fixed for Jan. 28th, when, in accordance with the Regulations, the annual general meeting of ratepayers will be held in the Board Room at 4.30 p.m. for the passing of the accounts of the past year, for the election of a new Council, and for making provision for the budget for the current year, and indeed for any other lawful business. Local feeling is, I fear, somewhat apathetic, and there is no need for excited political meetings, since no serious question divides the electors, nor is there any fear of the budget being thrown out. The list of voters has filled the local newspaper for some weeks past, and it is only those who are not allowed to have votes, since ours is a very limited franchise, who are likely to feel aggrieved in any way, unless there happen to be any ratepayers who find their taxes too heavy, which is quite possible, human nature being what it is.

CABLE DAMAGED.

The French cable linking Amoy with Tonkin is undergoing repairs owing to it having sustained some damage recently. It is hoped that it may not be long before it is in good working order again.

ROBBERIES.

Owing to the near approach of the Chinese New Year robberies are more frequent, both locally and up country. I suppose it is the feverish desire of the Chinese to pay off their debts and square up at the end of each year that drives so many of them into nefarious courses, for I see reports of serious robberies in all parts of China, as well as in Hongkong. Some districts inland are absolutely unsafe during the last months of the Chinese Year, and travellers are obliged to move together in large numbers if they are to escape molestation. This is one of the reasons why we are obliged to close our Schools so early, as it is so dangerous for the boys and girls returning to their homes in the country.

SCHOOLS CLOSING.

This week several schools have closed, among them the Kungshu Union Anglo-Chinese College and the Union Middle School; these being boarding schools need to be closed earlier. Several day schools will close next week. Most of the schools have about six weeks holiday, opening again about March 1st. There is great activity among the Chinese as to educational matters, and not a few new schemes are being projected, but the chief desire seems to be, and most wisely for good normal schools. There are plenty of students wishing to be taught, especially in the newer learning, but there is a lack of good teachers, and this is felt not only in mission schools, but in Government and other schools likewise. I fear there has been neglect in this in the region of Amoy by the Mission Boards not taking time by the forelock, and providing ten or fifteen years back for the training of teachers. Had this been done more systematically some years ago we should have had scores of young men ready to fill the numerous posts now open instead of the few available.

BUILDING ON KUNSHU.

A great deal of building, principally of houses in foreign style, is going on in our island just now. Messrs Boyd and Co.'s dwelling house was sold some months ago, and is in process of demolition, to make room for a very large house for a wealthy member of the Lim family, several of whom live on the island. Dr Lim Bun Kheng of Singapore has built himself a fine new house close to the house formerly belonging to the London Mission, and it is almost ready for habitation. Mr Anderson, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, is building himself a house on a high site facing North and West, immediately behind the "Hen Rock." And several other houses are going up in more central portions of the island. It really looks as if business cannot have been so very bad in Amoy this last year, for in Amoy and neighbourhood I see that a lot of new houses have been built, and many of them are semi-foreign in style, showing that many Chinese are touched with the new spirit, and are determined to have more air and light in their homes and business houses. In the city of Chang Chow Fu also a large number of new houses and shops have been erected on foreign lines, showing trade up there is flourishing.

NAVAL NEWS.

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MANILA	LOONGSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND MOJI	NAMSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 11, at Noon
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SAIGON	NINGPO	Jan. 28, at 4 p.m.
SAIGON	KWAIYANG	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	CHINKIANG	Jan. 27, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBUANGA, AND USUAL AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIYUAN	Feb. 1, at 4 p.m.
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